

CITY OF VENTURA

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Spencer Noren, Chair  
Don Wood, Vice Chair  
Seth Shapiro, Commissioner  
Kathy Bremer, Commissioner  
Derek Turner, Commissioner  
Anthony Miller, Commissioner  
Adam Nelson, Commissioner

Nancy O'Connor, Parks & Recreation Director  
Stacey Zarazua, Recreation Manager  
Vacant, Parks Manager  
Britni Quintana, Recording Secretary

**Parks & Recreation Commission  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 3:30 PM  
WebEx EVENT**

*The Parks & Recreation Commission conducted this meeting in accordance with AB 361. There was no physical location for the public to attend this meeting. To provide comment, they had to attend the virtual meeting where live public comments were taken.*

*Chair Noren called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.*

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** *Chair Noren, Vice Chair Wood, and Commissioners Turner, Nelson and Bremer joined the meeting at 3:37pm.*

**ABSENT:** *Commissioners: Shapiro and Miller*

**Staff Present:** *Stacey Zarazua, Chip Tarleton, Tyler Young*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City of Ventura Leo Robbins Community Sailing Center – Presented by: Chip Tarleton, Recreation Supervisor and Tyler Young, Recreation Coordinator

Harmon Canyon – Presented by: Melissa Baffa, Ventura Land Trust Executive Director

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

This is the time set-aside during the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting for members of the public to address the Commission concerning any item that is not on this agenda.

*Community member Trevor Gotsman spoke during public communications.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Parks & Recreation Commission approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting on March 9, 2022.

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*Chair Noren made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented.*

*Commissioner Turner seconded. The vote was as follows:*

**AYES:** Chair Noren, Vice Chair Wood, and Commissioners Bremer, Turner, and Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Shapiro and Miller

*Chair Noren declared the motion carried.*

## DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Manager, Stacey Zarazua –

- Sat. 3/12 Arbor Day Celebration 9 am at Westpark – Parks & Recreation Dept in partnership with West Coast Arborist and the Ventura Tree Alliance will be planting 65 trees along the Ventura River trail funded by a grant from Cal Fire for building climate resiliency.
- Westpark Skatepark Expansion virtual community forum 3/17 from 6-8 pm & 3/19 from 1-3 pm (repeat meetings), for feedback on what to look for in a design/build contractor. For project information & updates visit [www.westparkskatepark.com](http://www.westparkskatepark.com).
- Awarded \$5 million grant from Cal Trans Clean CA Grant to finance improvements along the Ventura Parkway trail.

## COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

- Vice Chair Wood- Had an impromptu meeting with Chair Noren at Juanamaria Park. Got pulled into a pickleball game and met a vibrant and excited group of citizens from Ventura. Learned about the game, movement, and interest in the community.
- Commissioner Bremer- Wondering if there is a way Commissioners could help assist with the tight windows of completion for projects like the Westpark Skatepark and Ventura River Park. Commissioner Bremer mentioned we are facing a tight window for design, implementation and selecting contractors. Stacey responded with the best way to assist is by participating in Community Outreach Meetings, providing feedback, keep yourself fresh for what the next steps are, bookmark WestPark Statepark website, and stay informed.
- Commissioner Turner- Just wanted to say this was a great productive meeting. So many people doing wonderful things in the City, everyone that gets involved is

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great! Appreciates the hard work employees are doing behind the scenes and is glad things are getting done. Commissioner Turner mentions he does not want two things to fall off the plate; the opening date for Arroyo Verde Park and the Marina Park Subcommittee work that everyone participated in. He would like to see it on the agenda and see the presentation.

- Chair Noren- Took a tour to Juanamaria park and spoke with residents that were wondering if there could be a possibility of putting a pickleball line on the basketball courts permanently. Wants to look for solutions or outlets to see if this could be a possibility. Another resident reached out about placements of new trees on the grounds at Juanamaria park. Noren mentions residents are having a hard time understanding the free parking lot and paid parking lot down at Surfer's Point. Would like to receive some information so he can tell residents.

## ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.*

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